

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached five (5) new sheets of drawings include FIGS. 1 through 7.

Attachment: Five (5) New Sheets of Drawings

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified patent application, with amendment. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application upon entry of this Amendment. In this Amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1-6. No claims have been cancelled or added in this Amendment.

The Drawings

The Examiner indicated that new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) are required because the drawings are missing.

The Applicant submits that the drawings (FIGS. 1 through 7) should not be missing as this application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/04201 which includes the FIGS. 1 through 7 on five drawing sheets. The fact that the drawings should not be missing is confirmed by the corresponding U.S. Publication (U.S. Pub. No. 2007/0278317) of this application including the five drawing sheets with the FIGS. 1 through 7. However, a problem is that the FIGS. 1 through 7 include Japanese language for the word "Figure".

In order to address both of the new drawing requirement and the Japanese language contained in the drawings, the Applicant is submitting herewith five "new sheets" of drawings. The five new drawing sheets include the same FIGS. 1 through 7 as originally filed and published with the exception that the Japanese language therein for the word "Figure" has been replaced with English.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1-6 for including reference characters that are not enclosed within parentheses. Instead of amending claims 1-6 to enclose the reference characters with parentheses, the Applicant has amended claims 1-6 to remove the reference characters therefrom.

The Abstract

The Applicant has amended the Abstract to remove reference characters therefrom.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-6 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections set forth above. As indicated above, claims 1-6 have been amended to overcome the objections set forth above.

CONCLUSION

In summary, claims 1-6 presented herein meet the substantive requirements for patentability. The case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. If a conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

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Replacement Abstract